

Rent for senior citizen housing includes charges for heat, hydro, water, stove and refrigerator. The rent scale does not cover costs for telephones, television reception facilities and laundry equipment.

When rent is being computed, any income from pensions, investments and other sources is taken into account.

The rent ranges from between 20 and 25 per cent of tenants' incomes.

The federal government bears half the cost of operating deficits on assisted housing, the provincial government, 42½ per cent and the municipality the remaining 7½ per cent.

The province makes an annual grant to municipalities that is equivalent of normal municipal taxes.

If you are interested in acquiring geared-to-income accommodation and live outside Metro Toronto, please consult your telephone directory for your local OHC office (listed under Ontario Housing Corporation) or your local housing authority listed under the name of your county or municipality (e.g. Hamilton-Wentworth Housing Authority).

Residents of Metro Toronto should contact the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Co. Ltd., 10th Flr., East Tower, City Hall, Toronto M5H 2N1, telephone 367-8550.





## Housing for senior citizens

The Ministry of Housing is committed to the concept of senior citizens being provided with comfortable, selfcontained accommodation at rents they can afford.

The federal, provincial and municipal governments contribute towards the subsidies involved in the provision of assisted housing for senior citizens. A typical senior citizen apartment consists of a bedroom, living room, bathroom and a kitchen which is equipped with a stove and refrigerator.

In the larger cities senior citizen accommodation may be provided in high-rise buildings but in most communities the typical senior citizen development is a one or two-storey building.

Each development has a communal laundry room which is equipped with automatic washers and dryers. Recreation rooms and lounges are also provided for the use of all residents of the building. In many communities, local service organizations and municipal





departments assist in providing senior citizen activity programs.

Senior citizen housing is available to persons 60 years of age and older who are capable of looking after their daily needs and should not be confused with homes for the aged where bed care and food services are provided.

When couples are applying for assisted housing, at least one spouse must be 60 years of age or older.



Residency is usually limited to persons who have lived at least one year in the community in which the housing is located. In some instances, however, senior citizen housing may be developed in one location to serve a number of surrounding municipalities in which case the residents of the municipalities participating in the development would be eligible.



Admission to assisted housing for senior citizens is based on a point rating system which takes into account such factors as income and the portion of income spent on the applicant's current accommodation.